

BASEBALL NOTES

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Diamond History.

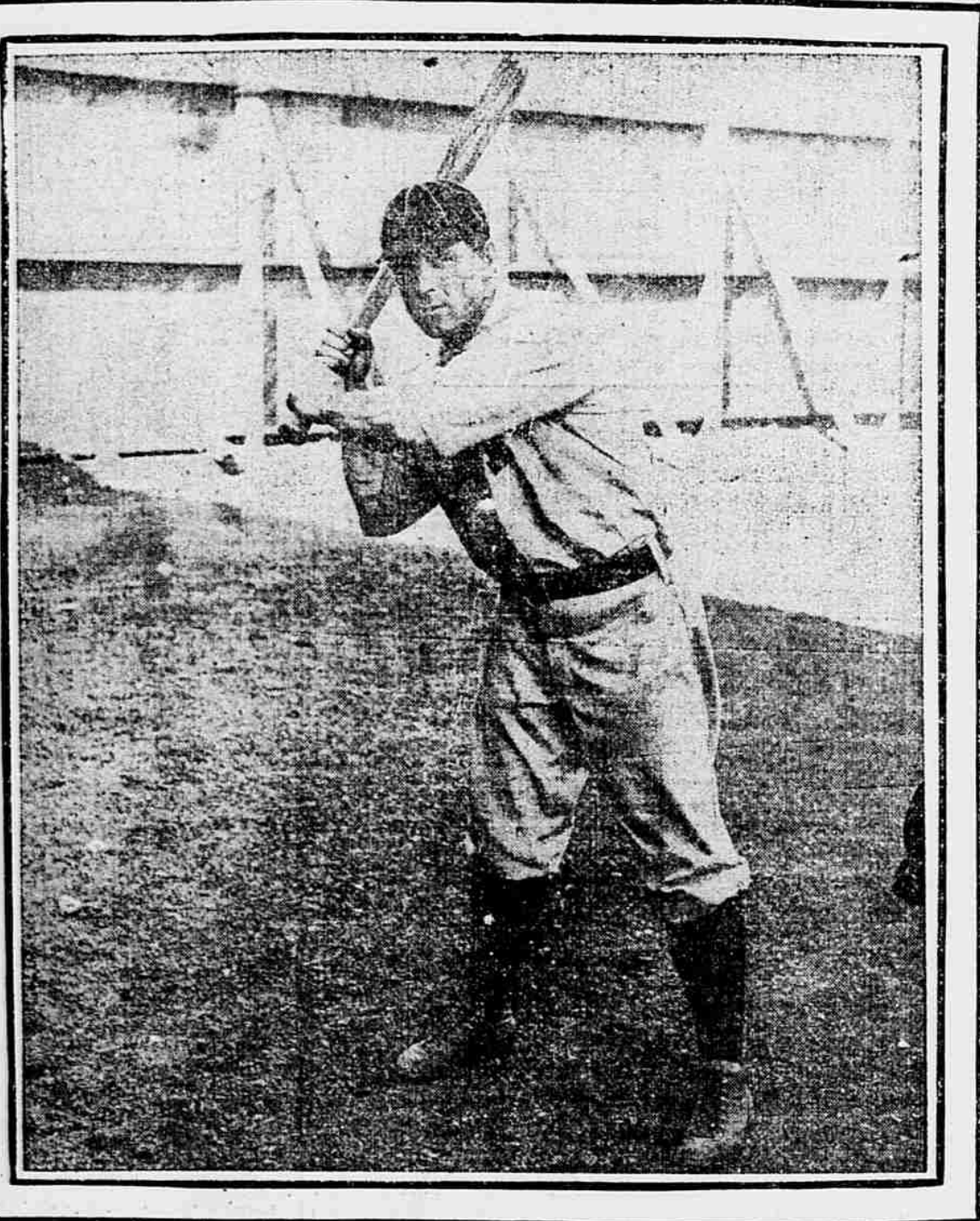
AMERICAN LEAGUE

Stahl Leads Hitters
in the Younger
Baseball League.

BOSTON'S CHANCES

Seem Good for
Finishing in Front at
the End of the Season.

FORMER CARDINAL WHO IS PUTTING UP A FAST GAME FOR THE PHILLIES.



"BILLY" KEISTER.
The heavy-hitting right fielder of the Philadelphia Nationals.

PITTSBURG NATIONALS BEST TEAM; BOSTON LOOKS GOOD IN AMERICAN.

With the 1903 Pennant Season Half Finished in Both Leagues It Looks Like a Walk Home for the Pirates—Collins's Team Is Now Playing the Fastest Game in the Johnson Organization—St. Louis Will Have to Be Contented With a Second Division Team in Both Leagues.

The pennant race in both leagues has passed the half-mile post, and while the fight in the American League is close and undecided, the question of supremacy has been definitely settled in the National League.

In the parent body it looks like a walk home for the Pittsburgh team. Second place will be the plum that the National League teams will fight it out for from now until the close of the campaign. At the present writing it looks that J. Muggsy McGraw's band of "disturbers" will be the runner-in, Cincinnati probably will give the "Giant" a hot fight toward the finish of the campaign. Chicago also will make a bold bid for second honors.

McGraw's team at present is fighting tooth and nail to hold the place and their showing is impressive. In their games on the local diamond New York showed away in helping a team win many games. In the National League, which is undoubtedly much weaker as a whole than the Johnson organization.

McGraw's whole stock in trade seems to be his pitching department, and the fighting tactics that won for Baltimore and Brooklyn so many pennants. While the writer does not approve of rowdy baseball, he contends that a little ginger and spics injected into a team's work will go a long way in helping a team win many games. In a close finish the team that has the coaching line occupied by a couple of gabby boys is going to be a pitcher and make the umpire see several things that never occurred.

The scarcity of coaches on the lines when either of the local major league teams has players on bases has lost many a game. Barring Padden on the Browns and Jimmy Burke of the Cardinals, neither of St. Louis's major league teams seems to have a man with a voice that has any terror for an opposing team.

The local National League team has an outfield that might coach if the "mut language" were the prevailing method of conversation, but when it comes to trying to rattle a pitcher by making a little noise the Cardinals seem to be out of the running.

Not once since the opening of the present season have the coaching lines been properly handled by the Cardinal players, the only one who does any work on the lines being Jimmy Burke. McGraw's present position in the National League may be attributed in a large measure to the constant coaching going on while a New York player is occupying any of the bases as a runner. At times it is not even necessary to have a runner on base for the New York players to direct remarks at the pitcher that have a tendency to make him wish he were up among the fleecy heights. This coaching has done much to give New York a second-place team with sixth-class material.

At the beginning of the season it looked as though Cincinnati might give Pittsburgh a fight for the honors, but the Cardinals have been exploded. On paper, the "Tribune of Red" looked to be a warm proposition. With Hahn, Ewing, Burdett, Poole and Hager as box workers the "German Barons" looked to have a formidable pitching aggregation, but Hahn and Poole and Phillips the Reds' twirlers have fallen flat. Burdett has done fairly well, but his work has not been of a character to arouse the fans to a very high pitch of enthusiasm.

With Beckley, Steinfield and Corcoran in the infield the Cincinnati team looks very strong, and when the pitchers get going and the team gets hitting as a whole, they will make New York and Chicago hustle hard to keep them from second place.

Frank Selee certainly deserves much credit for the showing he has made with the Windy City tribe. Early in the season the Chicago National looked but little stronger than the Cardinals. Their pitching department, however, proved a big surprise to the critics, and the Seelies owe their position in the race to their pitchers more than to any other department of the team.

Brooklyn, Boston, St. Louis and Philadelphia look destined to fill the second division in the National. The Cardinals have been doing some very consistent work of late, and if they can maintain their present gait until the season's close they will have a very strong chance to land at the top of the second division. With the infield of the Cardinals as constituted at present their

WITH THE PASSING OF "LINK" LOWE BASEBALL LOSES ONE OF ITS STARS.

Captain Robert Lincoln Lowe of the Chicago baseball team, whose baseball career has probably now come to an end through an injury to his knee, is one of the several major-league stars which the city of New Castle, Pa., has produced. He was reared and received his baseball training in that city, and his brilliant career has always been followed by his fellow-citizens with unusual interest.

"Link," as he is familiarly known, first played with the "Archie Reed" team of New Castle. He covered left field in such a remarkable manner as to attract the attention of the veteran Anson, who over fifteen years ago signed him for the Chicago

team. Lowe was given little opportunity at first to show what he could do, and was finally sold to the Milwaukee team of the Western League. There he played brilliantly, and Manager Selee of the Boston major league team signed him in and he was for twelve years one of the dependencies of the Boston. He at first played left field, but was once placed on second base temporarily, and played the position so well that he became a fixture on that pillar.

In 1902 he left the Boston and went to the Chicago team of the National League, of which he has since been captain. The injury to his knee has now become so serious that he does not expect to appear on the diamond again.

Lowe is well fixed financially, and is interested in his brother-in-law, Fred Hughes, in the Seventh Avenue Hotel of Beaver Falls, Pa., which they own jointly.

The Browns are the surprise of the American League race. Their poor showing was not predicted by any of the critics in either the National or American League circuits. The worst any of the scribes in the American League circuit predicted for the locals was fourth place, which many of them picked them to finish second, and several looked for them to top the heap.

The Browns' poor showing can be attributed to several causes. The most potent reason for the poor showing of the local American League team is their failure to play in very few of their games have the Browns made more than six or eight hits, and batting at that low rate is not calculated to bring up many games in the American League.

Samphill and Anderson are batting away below what is expected of them. Neither of these players got on the bases often enough to help their team.

With Burkett and Heldrick out of the way, a pitcher of even average merit finds little trouble in getting the rest of the Browns' batting order.

On the top of the Browns' poor hitting streak there is persistent rumor of discord in the ranks of the local American League team. The evidence is lacking in the case, many of the fans suspect that this is a measure, is accountable for the Browns' poor showing. The writer believes that the rumor of discord among the players of the Browns is a mere management has more to do with the Browns' poor showing than any discord among the players in every position of the team.

McAleer and Hedges are both too easy on their players. Not once has the writer ever heard either recover a player for any play, no matter how stupid or inexcusable. This lack of nerve is a serious handicap to the Browns. The writer believes that the Browns' poor showing is due to the fact that they have no one to back up their pitchers.

McAleer called the red pitcher and fired him for the Browns. He took up his belongings and skipped the team. Had McAleer and Hedges been a little more strict discipline Donahue would not have acted so hastily in the matter, but the fact is that the Browns' poor showing is due to the fact that they have no one to back up their pitchers.

Harsh measures probably will be applied in the Donahue case as a warning, but had strict discipline always been enforced, the Donahue incident probably would never have cropped up.

Another important factor in the Browns' poor showing that seems to be generally overlooked is the fact that most of the local players are getting on in years. Barring Hill there is no young blood in the team to entice over a change to win. Burkett and Heldrick are certainly not young, nor is Sargent, Anderson, Padden, Donahue or Powell.

In nearly all of the other teams in the American League some young players have been given a show, but with McAleer's age, according to that worthy he had the best man in the League in every position of the game at the opening of the campaign, but time probably has made him wiser, and he is now casting about him for some youngsters. McAleer is, however, repairing his fence, and he has a chance as late as that he will have to be satisfied with a second division team this season.



ROBERT LINCOLN LOWE.
Veteran of the national game, who has been forced into retirement because of an injured knee.

FINE ART OF BUNTING HAS EXPOUNERS IN BOTH LEAGUES.

Bunting is the basis of scientific batting, no one can get them up in time. Besides, the bunt is a potent producer of wild throws. Waddell is a fine instance of the pitcher who can readon find first or second base when in a hurry. The big southpaw has lost more than one game by his erratic throws.

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Fultz is also a pastmaster of the art. Keeler rarely hits a ball very hard, but contents himself with either dropping it down in the third-base line or tapping it over the heads of the infielders. Pickering of the Athletics is more than an ordinarily good bunter, and Hardesty, his teammate, also gets away with the trick frequently.

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Abuse, excesses and dissipation have wrecked many promising men. Have you transgressed Nature's laws? Is your weak system crying out for help? You are nervous, and are growing weaker and weaker sexually; your manhood is on the decline and will soon be lost unless you do something for yourself. Our long experience has rendered us thoroughly familiar with all the causes and effects of Nervo-Sexual Debility, and we have lifted up enough fallen men to make an army. Our treatment will remove all the ill effects of your former folly, check every drain on your vitality, invigorate the wasted sexual organs, clear up the clouded brain, and quickly restore you to what Nature intended—a healthy and happy man, with physical, mental and sexual powers complete. Avoid free prescriptions and temporary stimulants. Seek a lasting cure. We guarantee a permanent restoration in from 30 to 90 days.

Victims of Varicocele.

Varicocele is a weakened and broken-down condition of the Spermatic veins and sexual circulation, due in the great majority of cases to sexual indiscretions. It makes no difference what the cause, be it strain, injury or abuse, it is important that it be cured, for in time it will produce a softening and complete wasting of the glands and result in total impotency. That Varicocele is one of the most serious diseases of the male sex, and has been proved beyond all doubt. If neglected, it will undermine the physical strength, derange and depress the mental power. The sufferer realizes that some unseen hand is dragging him down, that there is a constant drain on his vitality, and he knows in his own mind that he is but half the man he was before. He is ailing, and will surely lead to a realization of his true condition and take steps to have it remedied, there are yet many golden years in store for you.

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